

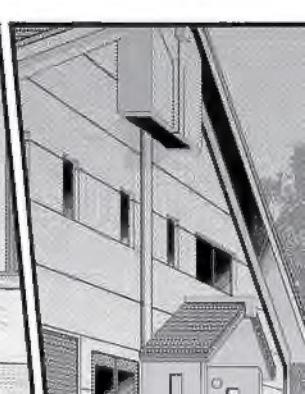


THE
TARGET OF
THE CURSE
CHANGED?
WHY?
WHAT
WOULD
AFFECT
THAT?

WAS IT
SUICIDE?
MURDER?

IN THIS
WORLD, THE
NEXT HEAD
OF THE
KIMIYOSHI
FAMILY,
KISAKU, HAS
GONE
MISSING. AND
HIS ADVISOR
IS DEAD.

WHAT ON
EARTH
COULD BE
THE ROOT
OF THIS
TRAGEDY...?!



WHAT IF THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO MY DAD, SOMEWHERE ELSE...?

AND MY DAD...

TH...

THEY SAID THE OLD GUY THAT WORKED AS MY DAD'S ADVISOR DIED... THAT IT WAS A STRANGE DEATH...

KEITAROU, WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

T... TRUST ME!

I'M SURE WE'LL FIND HIM SOON! AND OF COURSE HE'LL BE SAFE!

S-SAKIKO, IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

YOUR FATHER ISN'T THE TYPE OF GUY WHO WOULD GO DOWN THAT EASILY!

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THIS ONLY HAPPENED TO OTHER PEOPLE...

PEOPLE DYING, AND GOING MISSING...

cling

NO WAY. IS IT ACTUALLY TRUE...? AND YET, IT'S CONTINUING! IT HAPPENED AGAIN THIS YEAR!

LAST YEAR'S INCIDENT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE JUST BEEN A COINCIDENCE, RIGHT?

DID ONE PERSON REALLY DIE AND ONE GO MISSING ON THE NIGHT OF WATANAGASHI? JUST LIKE LAST YEAR?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? WHAT'S GOING ON?

thump

thump

thump

thump



IS IT...
THE
CURSE
OF OYA-
SHIRO-
SAMA...?



BUT THEN, WHY?! WHY
WOULD SAKIKO'S DAD,
WHO IS SUPPOSED TO
BE ONE OF THE
VILLAGE'S GREATEST
ALLIES, BE CURSED?
ISN'T THAT WEIRD?
WHAT REASON COULD
THERE BE FOR THAT?!

IN THE FIRST PLACE,
THE CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-SAMA IS
SUPPOSED TO
PUNISH ENEMIES OF
THE VILLAGE,
RIGHT?!

IS THIS IMPLYING
THAT SAKIKO'S DAD
DID SOMETHING TO
BETRAY OYASHIRO-
SAMA?!

THAT'S JUST
SUPERSTITION. IT'S
UNBELIEVABLE
OCCULT BALONEY.
THERE'S NO SUCH
THING AS CURSES OR
DIVINE PUNISHMENT.

AND HE WAS
PUNISHED
FOR IT?!

...NO.
WAIT.

gasp

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
IT ONE BIT!
WHAT
THE
HELL IS
THIS?
SO
WHY?!



**IF THE
CURSE IS
ACTUALLY
MURDER
BEING
CARRIED OUT
BY THE
PEOPLE...**

EVEN RUMORS
THAT... THE CURSE
OF OYASHIRO-SAMA
IS A SYSTEM
ALLOWING ENEMIES
OF THE VILLAGE TO
BE KILLED OFF,
UNDER THE
PRETENSE OF A
CURSE.

IF...

HE WAS
THE
HEART
OF THE
VILLAGE.
AND HE BAD-
MOUTHED
POLARIS. HE
WAS TRYING
TO ESTABLISH
AN ALLIANCE
TO OPPOSE
THEM.

WHO
WOULD
BENEFIT
FROM
SAKIKO'S
FATHER
DYING?

SAKIKO'S
FATHER
SUCCESSFULLY
LED THE
EFFORT TO
TURN THE
VILLAGE INTO A
TOURIST
DESTINATION.

WITH HIM GONE,
THE VILLAGE
WILL LOSE
POWER.



THERE ARE PEOPLE
OUT THERE WHO
MIGHT FIND THAT
MOST CONVENIENT,
RIGHT?!

IF HE COULD BE
BURIED UNDER
THE GUISE OF
THE CURSE,





IF THERE
WERE
MULTIPLE
ATTACKERS!

IF THIS WAS AN
ORGANIZED
CRIME, THEN...



THEY'D BE
ABLE TO PULL
THIS OFF,
WOULDN'T
THEY?

MEMBERS...
WERE TO EACH
BY NAMES OF
TARS...LIKE
TARS OR SIRIUS.

THE
SEED
AS
S.
RS."

"THE RING OF
STARS."

THEY WANT NO
CONTACT WITH
ANYONE OUTSIDE
THEIR FAMILY...
PLUS...

BUT
THEY
SEEM
EXTREMELY
CLOSED-OFF
AND
EXCLUSIV

THEY'RE A RADICAL
COUNTEROFFENSIVE
TEAM WITHIN POLARIS
WHO ELIMINATES
ENEMIES EVEN
MEANS DEFYING
DOCTRINE

AND THEY HAVE
A MOTIVE,
DON'T THEY...?!

FOR THE PEOPLE
OF HINAMIZAWA
JUST HEARING
THE NAME
POLARIS AND
HYPNOS IS
SCARY.

WE GOT
HATE NO
MATTER
WHERE WE
GO...

ENDING
PTS.

ONCE A
SIMPLE HOUSE
IN A VILLAGE
POLARIS
MEMBERS
LIVED THERE
GOT INTO A
BLUSE QUARREL
WITH THE
WIFE LIVING
NEXT DOOR.

AND THE
RESULT...
WELL...

A YOUNG
BOY AND
GIRL FROM
POLARIS
BROKE INTO
HER HOUSE...
THEY
MASSACRED
HER ENTIRE
FAMILY AND
SET THE
HOUSE ON
FIRE.

ONCE IN A WHILE, A
CHILD WILL GO INTO
A RAGE, OR START
SHOUTING...

THE
HYPNOS
FLUTE IS
WELL...

IN ORDER TO GET
THOSE PEOPLE TO
GO TO SLEEP WE GIVE
THEM SOME SPECIAL
MEDICINE, LIGHT SOME
SPECIAL INCENSE, AND
PLAY SOME SPECIAL
MUSIC FOR THEM...

AND GOOD-
OOOOHHHHH
AND...

UNTIL THEY
GIVE IN, UNTIL
THEY QUIET
DOWN, IT KEEPS
GOODOOHHH

...THE
POLARIS
FAMILY
SOCIETY...!

I UNDER-
BUT AT STAND THAT TIMES
LIKE CONCERNED YOU'RE SPACING
THESE, YOU ABOUT KIMIYOSHI- OUT.
NEED SAN'S WHERE-
TO EAT ABOUTS.



KEITAROU?



NO... I'M FINE, MOM...

BUT... WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

MAYBE YOU SHOULD STAY HOME TODAY.

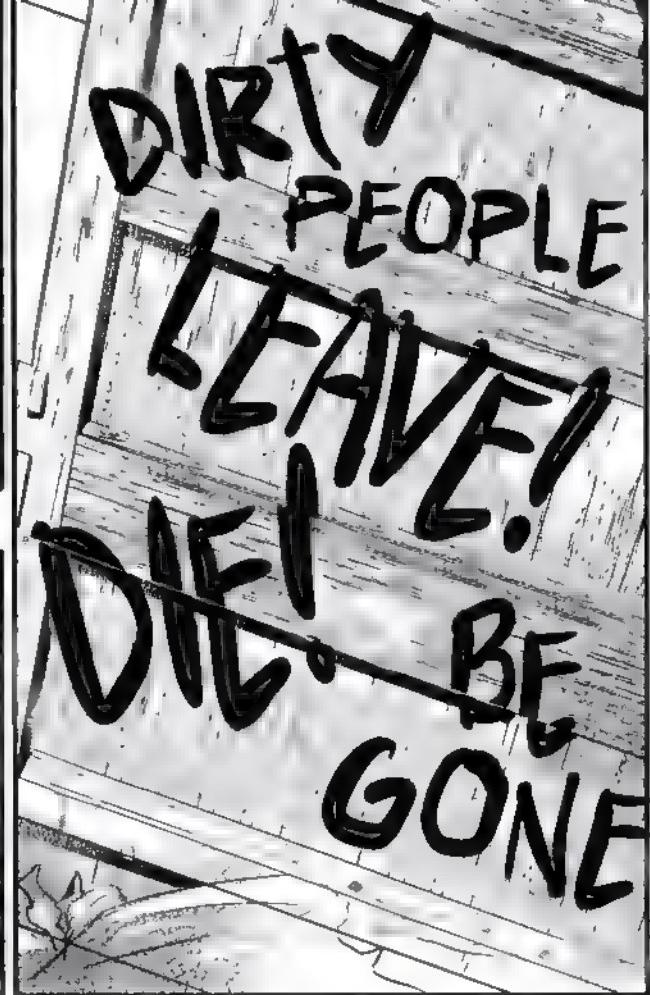
YOU LOOK A BIT PALE.

I HAVE NO APPETITE... HINAMIZAWA COULD BE FACING AN UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS RIGHT THIS MOMENT... THIS IS NO TIME FOR THINGS LIKE THAT...



THAT'S MUCH WORSE THAN I EXPECTED... HOW MANY TIMES DID IT HAPPEN...?



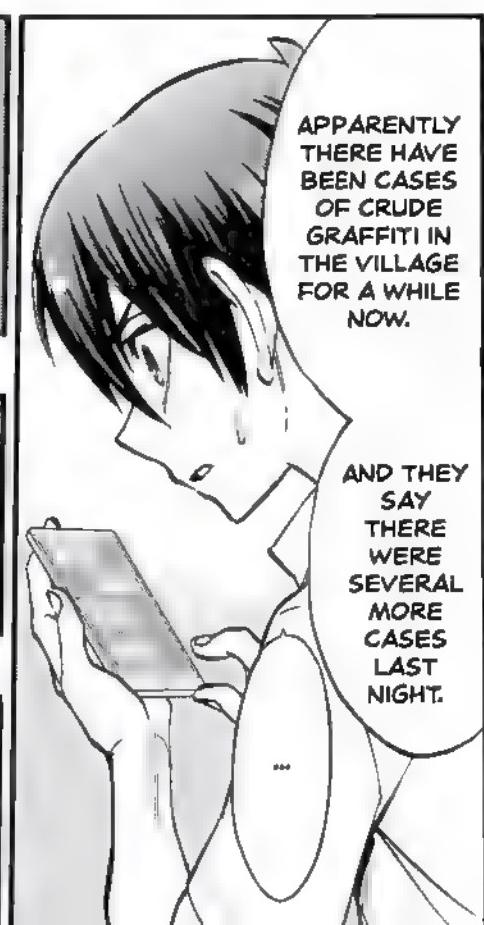
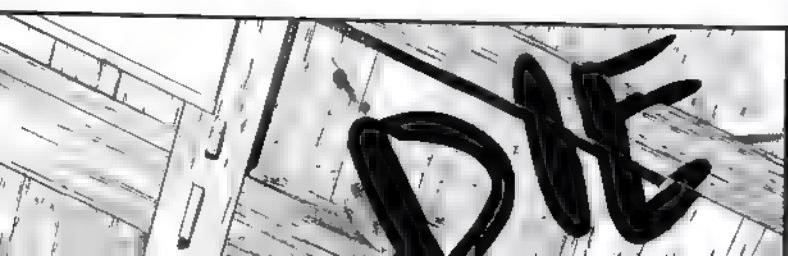


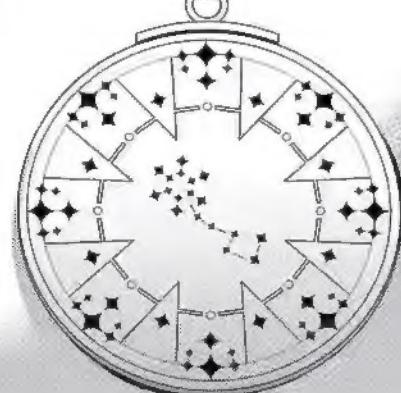
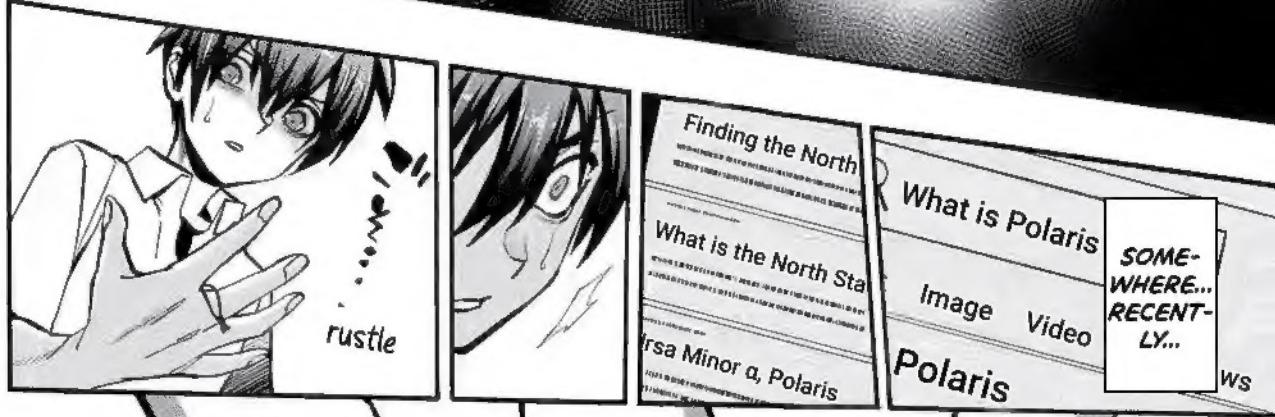
incident?

Happened at our place last night, too.

Could this be related to the incident?

APPARENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN CASES OF CRUDE GRAFFITI IN THE VILLAGE FOR A WHILE NOW.





**THE
INSIGNIA...**

**...OF
POLARIS!**

**NO WAY, IS
IT REALLY
TRUE...?**

**THAT
CAN'T
BE...?!**
**IT'S
CONNECTED...!
IT'S ALL
CONNECTED...!**

GRAB

A CULT
GROUP...
POLARIS IS
TRYING TO
TAKE OVER
OUR
VILLAGE...?!



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